

Remarks

This response is in reply to the Office Action dated January 24th, 2008. Currently, claims 1-24 are pending. Applicants have amended claims 1-24. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-24.

Summary of the Examiner's Objections

Claims 1-17, 21 and 24 were rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Jeffrey Rankin's article, "Computer-Assisted Construction Planning" (herein *Rankin*)

Claims 19-20, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rankin* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,868,370 (herein *Burbridge*)

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rankin* in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0052862 (herein *Scott*)

Summary of the Amendments

Claims 1-24 have been amended

Claims 6, 25-79 have been withdrawn

Restriction Requirement

Examiner has required restriction to one of three groups of claims, the groups comprising:

Group I: claims 1-24 drawn to a system for defining and managing an asset;

Group II: claims 25-55 and 64 drawn to a second system for defining and managing an asset; and

Group III: claims 56-63 and 64-79 drawn to a third system for defining and managing an asset.

During a phone conversation with Attorney Larry Vierra on April 2, 2007, a provision election was made with traverse to prosecute of claims 1-24 of group I, with traverse. Applicant affirms the election of Group I, with traverse.

Rejection under 35 USC §102 (a) over Rankin

Examiner has rejected claims 1-17, 21 and 24 under 35 USC §102 over *Rankin*.

Applicant has amended claims 1-5, 7-17, 21 and 24 as such that they overcome the objections presented by the Examiner.

Applicant has withdrawn claim 6 from consideration.

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1 Applicant submits that the amendments overcome the rejections and that the rejections be
2 withdrawn.

3 **Rejection under 35 USC §103(a) over Rankin in view of Burbridge**

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5 *Burbridge*.

6 Applicant has amended claims 1-5,7-17, 21 and 24 as such that they overcome the
7 objections presented by the Examiner.

8 Applicant has withdrawn claim 6 from consideration.

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10 withdrawn.

11 **Rejection under 35 USC §103(a) over Rankin in view of Scott**

12 Examiner has rejected claim 18 under 35 USC §103(a) over *Rankin* in view of *Scott*.

13 Applicant has amended claim 18 as such that it overcomes the objections presented by
14 the Examiner.

15 Applicant submits that the amendments overcome the rejection and that the rejection be
16 withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of Claims 1-24 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

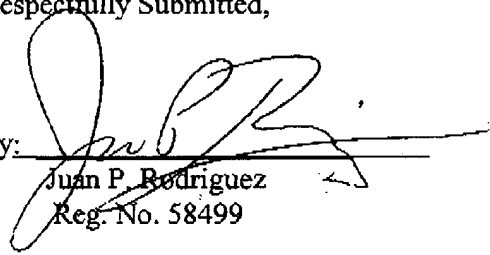
Enclosed are a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114 and a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) for consideration of this response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 24th, 2008.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 504489 for any matter in connection with response that may be required.

Respectfully Submitted,

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